

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2007, in which claims 1, 4-18 and 20-23 were rejected, and also in response to a telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on December 12, 2007. With this Amendment, claims 1, 18 and 21 have been amended and the remaining claims are unchanged. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in view of the above-amendments and the following remarks.

I. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

During the interview on December 12, 2007, possible amendments to the independent claim 1 to overcome the Collins reference (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0065744) were discussed. There was a general agreement that Collins does not show a report object that is configured to operate without directly accessing a database because, in Collins, bi-directional arrow 6 in FIG. 1, for example, indicates that web server 1 (which the Examiner states is equivalent to the claimed report object) directly accesses database 2. It was also agreed that, in Collins, to perform a query that employs a temporary table, two instances of user intervention are required: one to retrieve information from a database into the temporary table, and another to retrieve data from the temporary table and return it to the web server.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

In Section 8 of the Office Action, claims 1, 4-18 and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins, U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0065744 in view of Thompson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,668,253. Further, in Section 9 of the Office Action, claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins in view of Thompson and further in view of Bakuya et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,680,614.

In order to distinguish the claimed invention from the Collins reference, independent claims 1, 18 and 21 have been amended in accordance with the above-included suggestions during the interview. Thus, Collins does not teach or suggest all the elements of the independent claims. Thompson and Bakuya do not overcome the deficiencies of Collins. Thus, independent claims 1, 18 and 21 are believed to be allowable. Additionally, the dependent

claims are believed to be allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from the allowable independent claims.

It should be noted that support for the amendments to the independent claims can be found, for example, in FIG. 2 of the application and the corresponding description of FIG. 2 in the specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims 1, 4-18 and 20-23 favorable action upon all claims is solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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